

## Letter of Intent

Dear Presidents and Officers of the ILAE Chapters,  
Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

I feel honored that I have been nominated as a candidate for the elections to the ILAE Executive Committee.

The ILAE has achieved tremendous progress in its designated goals, namely to advance and disseminate knowledge about epilepsy, to promote research, education and training and to improve services and care for patients. Close collaborations and common projects with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE), with many renowned international scientific societies and the signing of the Epilepsy Declaration by the European Parliament have been of utmost importance to advance these goals.

These achievements represent an excellent basis to further improve epilepsy care across the globe. I therefore fully support and I am dedicated to the strategies and goals outlined by our President Elect Emilio Perucca for the next term that are to improve access to care, to promote optimal epilepsy care worldwide, to advance knowledge on epilepsy, to advance education and to protect the League's long-term financial viability. We all know that these goals can only be achieved by common efforts of all of us. I believe that active and open communication and constant exchange with the regional commissions, the topic-oriented commissions and with the local chapters will be the necessary basis for broadly based and successful projects and will be of critical importance to achieve our goals.

I have been working in the field of clinical epileptology for more than 25 years. I have served as an officer in the Austrian Chapter of the ILAE for more than 15 years and have been President of the Austrian Chapter of the ILAE for the past 4 years. I have worked as an officer and president for the Working Group of Presurgical Epilepsy Evaluation and Epilepsy Surgery for Germany, Austria and Switzerland. I was a member of several topic-oriented commissions of the ILAE including the Commission on Therapeutic Strategies and the Commission on Neurosurgery. In 2004 I had the privilege to organize the European Congress on Epileptology in Vienna.

If I am elected as an officer of the ILAE Executive Committee I will devote all my efforts to support the goals of our President Elect Emilio Perucca and will stand up for open and active communication and teamwork with all of you.

I would be greatly honored to get the vote of your chapter.

Sincerely,



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# CURRICULUM VITAE

## CHRISTOPH BAUMGARTNER



### Address

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### Education

1978-1982 Technical University of Vienna, Austria  
1982 Graduation - MSc - Technical Mathematics  
1978-1984 University of Vienna, Austria  
1984 Graduation - MD - Medicine

### Training

1984-1985 Residency in Internal Medicine, Department of Cardiology, University of Vienna, Austria  
1985-1991 Residency in Neurology, Department of Neurology, University of Vienna, Austria  
1987-1989 Research Fellowship in Clinical Neurophysiology, Department of Neurology, University of California, Los Angeles, California  
1991-1992 Clinical Fellow in Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology, Department of Neurology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio

### Previous Positions

1992-2008 Associate Professor of Neurology, Department of Neurology, University of Vienna  
2002-2008 Head, Department of Clinical Epilepsy Research, University of Vienna

### Current Position

- Chairman, Neurological Department, General Hospital Hietzing with Neurological Center Rosenhügel, Vienna, Austria
- Head, Karl Landsteiner Institute for Clinical Epilepsy Research and Cognitive Neurology
- Head Comprehensive Epilepsy Program, General Hospital Hietzing

### Research Interests

Clinical epileptology, clinical seizure semiology, epilepsy surgery, clinical neurophysiology, pharmacoresistance in epilepsy, imaging in epilepsy

### Activities in the ILAE and scientific societies

1995-1997 Vice President, Working Group of Presurgical Epilepsy Evaluation and Epilepsy Surgery for Germany, Austria and Switzerland  
1997-1999 President, Working Group of Presurgical Epilepsy Evaluation and Epilepsy Surgery for Germany, Austria and Switzerland  
1999-2005 Scientific Board, Working Group of Presurgical Epilepsy Evaluation and Epilepsy Surgery for Germany, Austria and Switzerland  
1998-present Vice President, Austrian Society of Clinical Neurophysiology  
1998-2004 First Secretary, Austrian Chapter of the ILAE  
2004-2008 President Elect, Austrian Chapter of the ILAE  
2008-present President, Austrian Chapter of the ILAE  
2002-2005 Member, Commission on Neurosurgery of the ILAE  
2005-2009 Member, Commission on Therapeutic Strategies of ILAE  
2004 Chairman, Scientific Advisory Committee, 6th European Congress on Epileptology, Vienna, Austria